

**REMARKS**

Claim 2 has been cancelled. Claims 3 and 4 have been amended. Claims 1 and 3-4 remain pending. Reconsideration and reexamination are requested.

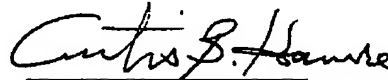
The Examiner rejected claim 2 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a). Claim 2 has been cancelled.

The Examiner allowed claim 1 and objected to claims 3 and 4 as being dependent on a rejected base claim but otherwise allowable. Claims 3 and 4 have been rewritten as independent claims.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and reexamination are requested. Allowance of all pending claims at an early date is solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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